

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 3-8, without prejudice.

1. (Original) A head slider comprising:

a slider body defining a medium-opposed surface hemisected into first and second areas by a centerline extending in a longitudinal direction of the slider body, wherein said second area is designed to generate a positive pressure larger than a positive pressure generated at the first area when a load acting on the slider body in a direction toward a recording medium decreases.

2. (Original) A recording medium drive comprising:

a recording medium;
a head slider opposed to the recording medium at a front end of a head suspension;
a load bar extending in a forward direction from the front end of the head suspension; and

a ramp member located outside the recording medium so as to define a slope along a path of movement of the load bar, wherein

said head slider includes a slider body defining a medium-opposed surface hemisected into first and second areas by a centerline extending in a longitudinal direction of the slider body, said second area being designed to generate a positive pressure larger than a positive pressure generated at the first area when a load acting on the slider body in a direction toward the

recording medium decreases.

3-8. (Canceled)

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